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 Ukrainian Students Seeking Contacts in West

Information

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE/1 reports that there are 400,000 to 500,000 Ukrainians in Poland at present, according to unofficial statistics. A few years ago the Polish government permitted the organization of a pro-Communist organization called "Ukrainian Social Cultural Society" (U.S.K.T.). Thanks to this society, several Ukrainian schools, including two high schools, and a department of Ukrainian studies have been created at Warsaw University in the past three years in Poland. Every year, Kiev University organizes four to five courses in Ukrainian studies for students and teachers of Poland to perfect their knowledge in Kiev.

In the winter of 1960-1961, students of Ukrainian at the School of Languages in Paris began to receive letters from the Ukrainian students in Warsaw, proposing starting a correspondence to exchange views, send one another books, discuss literary topics, etc. The letters are not addressed to the school secretariat, as is normally the case, but directly and privately to the students themselves. The letters usually start with the phrase: "I learned from the Ukrainian Student Union in Paris that you are studying Ukrainian. I am studying Ukrainian, in Warsaw..." The Ukrainian Student Union in Paris mentioned, however, that it has not given any names of Paris students to anyone, so it is not known how the Polish students got hold of the addresses.

3. A Polish student, STUMINSKI, ul. Kopa Hetmanaka 10 mieszkani 22 Warszawa, who is to correspond with Mlle Olga HUNDER, 233 rue de la Convention, Paris 15eme, mentioned the matter to her teacher, Mlle Scherer-Dolgorukaja, who advised her not to answer, since such letters are normally sent to the secretariat of the school, and not individually to the students.

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